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REMARKS

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1. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 29 April 1953, source observed 40 MiG-15s, 9 twin-jet planes and 3 single-engine aircraft fitted with radial engines at Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34) airfield. No air activity was observed. Weather was 10/10 overcast, northwesterly moderate winds and restricted visibility. There was no change in the status of AAA emplacements. Excavation work was seen near the emplacements on the Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road. Round timber was piled up there. Four weapon carriers, 2 jeeps and 2 trucks were parked near the flight control station. [redacted]

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[redacted] drivers with black-bordered blue epaulets were identified there.

2. Source observed 4 trucks, 2 van-like trucks and 2 tank truck trailers in the garages at the eastern edge of the installation. A signal truck was parked in front of the garages for repair. [redacted]

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[redacted] and weapon carrier [redacted] all of them driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were seen proceeding to the garages.

3. The Artillerie Kaserne in Wiener Neustadt was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Signal trucks fitted with rod antennas were still seen at the installation in the yard in which 3 trucks and 1 weapon carrier were parked. [redacted] drivers with black-bordered blue epaulets, were seen there. The Nachrichten Kaserne was also guarded by a soldier who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. The barracks installation appeared to be more lightly occupied than before. [redacted] drivers with black-bordered blue epaulets, were seen.

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4. Aircraft observed at the field between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on 4 May included 40 MiG-15s, 9 twin-jet aircraft, 3 single-engine planes fitted with radial engines and 12 unidentified planes parked in front of the pyrotechnical plant. There was air activity by MiG-15s. Weather was 4/10 overcast with gusty north-northwesterly winds having a velocity of 10 to 15 km/h, ceiling about 2,000 meters and good visibility. Groups of three MiG-15s took off in right stagger formation at 9:25 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:05 a.m. These planes later assembled in V formation. At 9:57 a.m., 10:50 a.m. and 11:45 a.m., groups of three MiG-15s each landed at intervals of about one minute.

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5. The AAA emplacements on Badener Strasse and north of the Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road were guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The AA guns seen there were fitted with funnel shaped muzzles. Three van-like trucks, 5 trucks, 2 trailers and 1 command bus were parked at the garages at the eastern edge of the field. [redacted] drivers with black-bordered blue epaulets, were seen proceeding to these garages. The flight control station was guarded by a soldier who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Two trucks and 1 weapon carrier were parked in front of this building. Several crates in the size of a furniture van were set up in a line probably along a spur track, in the area of the pyrotechnical plant.<sup>2</sup> There was no change in the status of the radio installations.
6. The Artillerie Kaserne in Wiener Neustadt was guarded by a soldier who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Radio trucks were again seen in the yard of the installation. The Nachrichten Kaserne was also guarded by a soldier who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Three trucks, 2 tank trucks and 1 sedan were parked in the yard of the installation. [redacted] drivers with black-bordered blue epaulets, were also seen there. 25X1B
7. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 15 May, source observed 33 MiG-15s, 2 biplanes and 10 unidentified aircraft at the field. Between 8:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., individual MiG-15s took off at irregular intervals. Weather was 5/10 overcast and visibility good. All the MiG-15s were single seaters and only some of them were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks.<sup>1</sup>
8. Source observed a van-like truck fitted with a braced antenna mast about 200 meters east of the take-off point. A box-like truck fitted with an AAH MK III V radar set was seen in the southeastern corner of the field. There was no change in the status of the AAA emplacements on Badener Strasse. However, new underground bunkers had been built there. Underground bunkers were under construction at the AAA emplacements north of the Wiener Neustadt - Bad Fischau road. The telephone lines extending from the direction of the Artillerie Kaserne to the AAA emplacements were checked by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted] drivers with black-bordered blue epaulets, were parked in front of the flight control station. Six trucks, 4 tank trucks, 2 trailers and 1 motorized field kitchen were seen near the garages on the eastern edge of the field. [redacted] on a Moskvich-type van-like truck whose driver wore black-bordered blue epaulets. A spotlight was mounted on the roof of the truck which was fitted with a door at its rear side. Four flatcars were parked on the spur track of the pyrotechnical plant at the western edge of the installation. Source saw five crates in the size of a furniture van by the side of these flatcars.<sup>2</sup> 25X1B
9. There was no change in the status of the military installations at Wiener Neustadt. [redacted] 25X1
10. Theresienfeld airfield was guarded by soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Three Fe-2s and one Aira Cotra F 63 A plane were parked at the field.
11. Aircraft observed at the field between 8:20 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 7 May included:

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51 MiG-15s, 14 of which parked in a hollow in front of the pyrotechnical plant,  
 some of them disassembled;  
 13 near Badener Strasse;  
 18 in front of the flight control station;  
 6 at the northeastern end of the pyrotechnical plant;

7 twin-jet planes near the flight control station;

6 single-engine planes including  
 4 parked at the flight control station;  
 1 near the aircraft revetments on Badener Strasse;  
 1 at the northeastern end of the pyrotechnical plant;

12 Pe-2s near the pyrotechnical plant.

After 8:20 a.m., individual take-offs by MiG-15s and twin-jet planes were practiced. Weather was overcast in varying degrees with moderate winds and good visibility. In spite of the prevailing northwesterly winds, the take-offs and landings were made from north to south. The twin-jet planes headed toward Voelau (C 48/X 36), circled over the town and then disappeared. The twin-jet planes had not returned by 4:30 p.m. There were several indications that the twin-jet planes landed at Voelau. The twin-jet planes were fitted with drop-like devices at their wing tips. Some of the planes appeared to have plexiglass noses. [REDACTED]

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12. Equipment of various types such as propellers, wrecked aircraft etc. were seen in the area of the pyrotechnical plant. It appeared to source that an air force dump was available at the plant. Three railroad tank cars were seen on a spur track of the installation. [REDACTED]

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13. There was no change in the status of the AAA emplacements on Badener Strasse and north of Wiener Neustadt-Bad Fischau road. No changes were observed at the radio installations. Three Pe-2s and a Li-2 were seen in front of the two small hangars at Theresienfeld airfield. Material was being trailed from a truck into a Li-2.

14. The Artillerie Kaserne in Wiener Neustadt was guarded by a soldier who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. [REDACTED] fitted with a rod antenna was parked in the yard of the installation. A sentry with black-bordered blue epaulets was observed at the Nachrichten Kaserne which appeared to be lightly occupied. Source saw some trucks in the yard of the installation, but the garages were empty. The former Kadettenanstalt in Bad Fischau quartered soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

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15. Aircraft observed at the field between 9 a.m. and noon on 14 May included 39 MiG-15s, 10 twin-engine planes, 3 single-engine aircraft, 2 biplanes and 3 single-engine high-wing monoplanes. Three to five planes were seen aloft. The hollow east of the pyrotechnical plant could not be observed. Weather was 2/10 overcast with moderate easterly wind and good visibility. There was flying by MiG-15s from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. The take-offs were made individually and in groups of 2 or 4. Groups of two MiG-15s who took off in right stagger formation, groups of four MiG-15s in two pairs arranged in right stagger formation. The planes were flying in the same formations. They landed individually at intervals of about 20 seconds, after 2 to 4 wide circles over the field. [REDACTED]

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Air activity was irregular. Sometimes 5 to 18 MiG-15s took off in repeated succession and landed again within a short time. At other times, a MiG-15 took

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off only after the plane which had taken off before had landed again. MiG-15s which had flown individually, were taxiing to the dispersal area under their own power. However, MiG-15s which had flown in formation were towed to the dispersal area by trucks.<sup>1</sup> Two bus trailers, 2 van-like trucks fitted with rod antenna, 5 trucks, 3 jeeps and 1 sedan were seen at the take-off point. Source saw a van-like truck fitted with an AAM MK III V radar set in the southeastern corner of the installation, north of the road between flight control station and target range. A generator was seen by the side of the truck. There was no change in the occupation of the military installation at Wiener Neustadt.

- 25X1A 1.  Comment. Wiener Neustadt airfield is occupied by the headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments. The Il-28s which were temporarily observed at the field were seen at Voeslau airfield on 7 May. See . It is not yet clear whether these Il-28s were definitely transferred there.

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- 25X1A 2.  Comment. The air force equipment observed at the pyrotechnical plant indicates that a new air force ordnance depot may have been set up there.

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